



**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-504

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The east facade is notable for its one-story, shed-roofed porch that has been infilled with plywood and fitted with modern one-over-one windows and storm sash. Similar windows are found at all sides of the dwelling. An entrance is located at the south end of the porch. The south side of the dwelling is distinguished by a small, one-story gabled addition, while the north side features a nonhistoric exterior concrete block chimney stack. At the rear of the building is a one-story, hip-roofed addition that likely was once an open porch. It has been infilled and covered with asbestos shingles. It features a paneled wood door at its south end with a single light at the top. The dwelling also exhibits a boxed wood cornice at the main block.

The property includes two small nonhistoric storage sheds of frame construction, located to the rear of the dwelling. A gravel drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property contains a number of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the infilled front porch, the modern window sash and storm windows, the south side addition, the nonhistoric chimney, the infilled rear porch, and the likely loss of historic outbuildings.

The Shirley T. Bowen House survives as an example of an early-twentieth-century vernacular form with antecedents in the nineteenth century. Its presence illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate locale in the early part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise (Touart 1994:165-167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253-255). Although the tax parcel containing the structure currently amounts to only one acre, historically the property included some 50 acres and was likely used for agriculture (WCCC Deed Book JEB 21:195).

The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1910, according to map evidence as well as inspection of the building itself, which appears to be of early-twentieth-century origin. The structure does not appear to be present on the 1902 USGS map of the area but does appear to be in place by the time of the 1924 USGS map (USGS 1902, 1924). Deed records are inconclusive regarding who may have built the structure, as the property was much larger historically and appears to have contained not only the Shirley T. Bowen House but also the Henry Hastings House (WO-505). The presence of two structures on the same property makes the deeds difficult to decipher. Tax records give a date of construction of 1975, which is either a mistake or perhaps an indication of a major remodeling that occurred that year (WCTA 1998). Since the original owner cannot be determined, the dwelling has been denoted by the current owner's name.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the structure in the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and nonhistoric outbuildings amounts to one acre.

Major Bibliographical References:

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, MD.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

1977 *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia*. Worcester County Historical Society, Snow Hill, MD.

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1902 Ocean City, Maryland, Delaware Quadrangle Map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

1924 Ocean City, Maryland, Delaware Quadrangle Map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

See Continuation Sheet #2.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS****I. Geographic Region:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Historic Period Themes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Agriculture

Known Design Source: _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET #2

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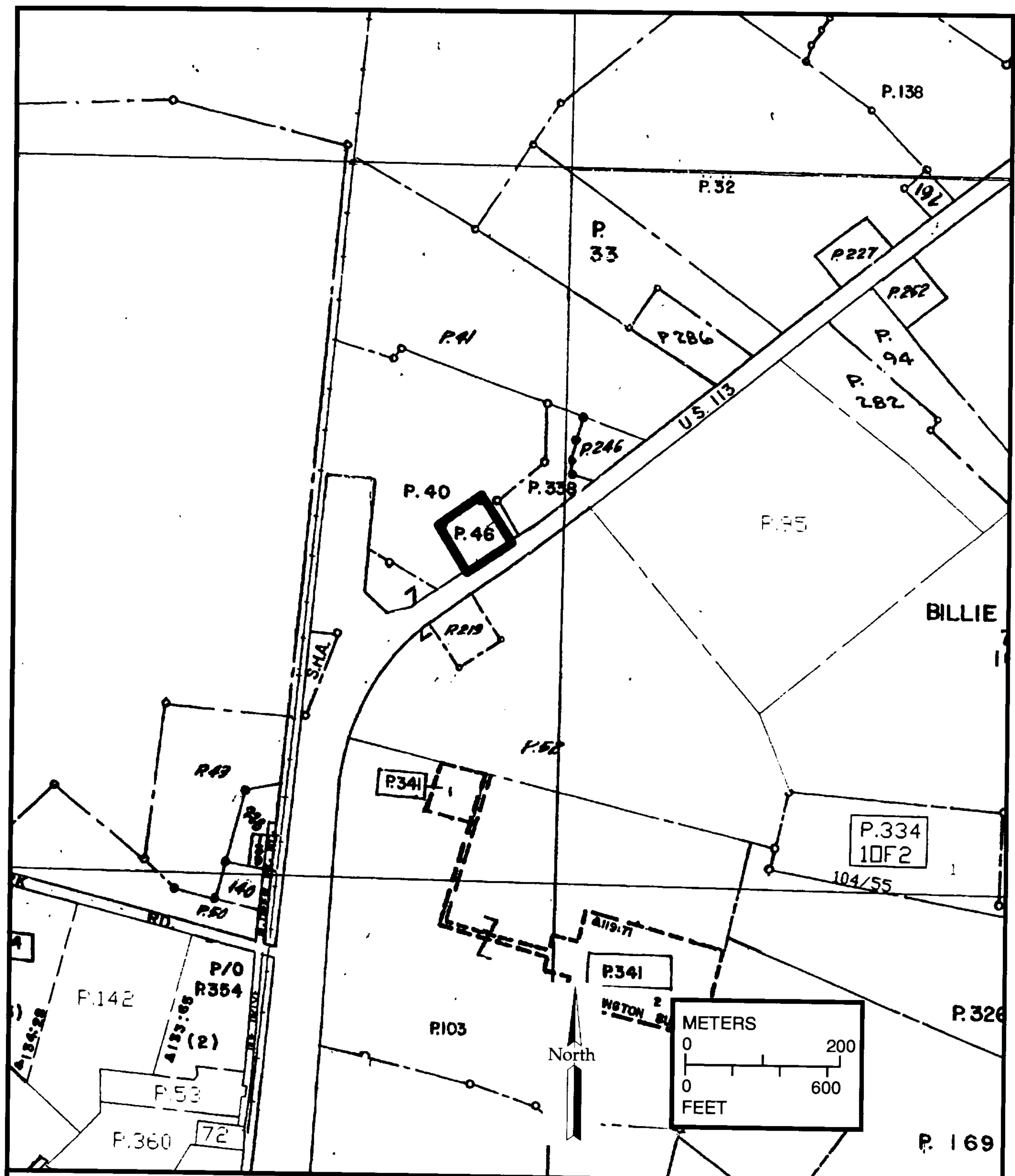
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, MD.

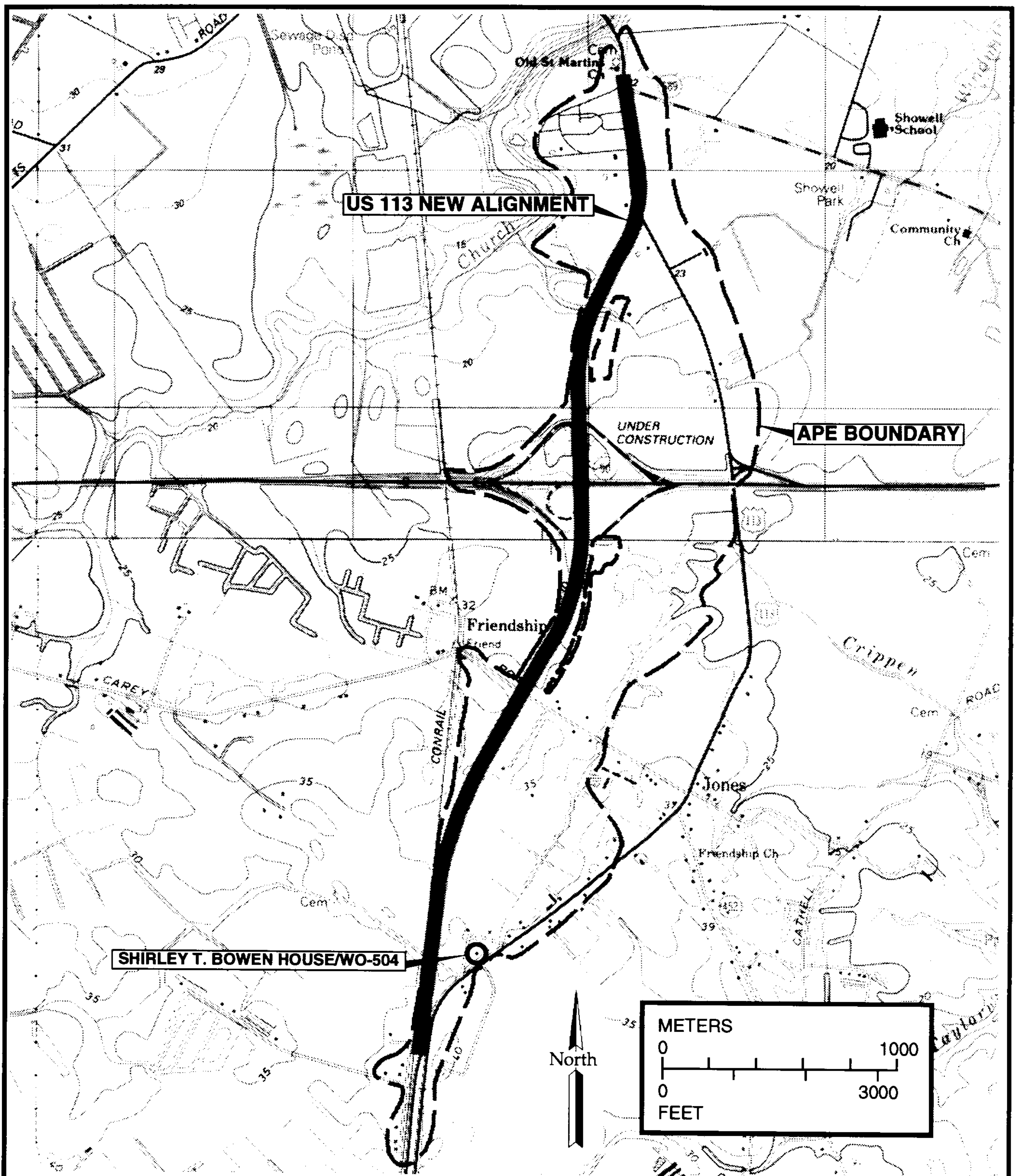
Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, MD.



TAX MAP

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 46, Worcester County, Md.
 Containing the Shirley T. Bowen House/WO-504
 Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the Shirley T. Bowen House/WO-504

Worcester County, MD.



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Willey 2. Brown House (common)

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Mark Hanna, Photograph

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative
South and East Elevations

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Shirley L. Bowen (Lorna)

Worcester County MD

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Mar. 1948 - photograph -

Sept. 1948

Maryland SLP - negative

East Elevation

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WO-504

Living L. Barren Home (common)

Montgomery County, MD

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Mark Vercella - photographer

Sept. 1993

Maryland 4P - negative

West + South elevation

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